

New Egypt minister warns militants

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt's new interior minister, General Hassan Al Alfi, pledged Monday to launch a "decisive" confrontation to end unrest in an implicit warning to Muslim militants. The ruling party daily Mayo, meanwhile, said his predecessor General Abdul Halim Musa was sacked because he failed to consult President Hosni Mubarak before accepting a mediation bid between the government and militants (see page 2). Gen. Alfi urged the Egyptian people to collaborate with police to confront "elements... who try to disrupt public order," according to a press statement. "There will be a decisive confrontation against any attempt to violate the law," the general said in his first official remarks since Mr. Mubarak named him Sunday to replace Gen. Musa. Gen. Alfi did not refer by name to the Muslim militants who have waged a year-long battle to destabilise the government that has killed some 140 people, including tourists and Coptic Christians. Gen. Musa adopted a hard line against the militants but last week disclosed a mediation bid by Islamic intellectuals. "His sacking was the result of several errors," said Mayo. "The last to date was the contacts he undertook on his own... (with the intellectuals) without consulting President Mubarak or Prime Minister Atef Sedki." The prime minister on Sunday, shortly after the announcement of Gen. Musa's dismissal, rejected dialogue with the militants.

Rockets fired at Israeli 'security zone'

TYRE, Lebanon (Agencies) — Resistance fighters fired at least two Katyusha rockets on Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon overnight, security sources said Monday. There was no immediate report of casualties. Security sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Soviet-designed rockets were fired from Wadi Nafkhi, near the village of Yater, a stronghold of the Hizbullah group. Yater is 18 kilometres southeast of the southern port city of Tyre. The Katyushas were launched near the site where a senior commander of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was seriously wounded Friday in an Israeli helicopter attack on his motorcade.

Iraq starts building drive in Sudan

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq, labouring under a punitive U.N. trade embargo, said Monday its engineers and technicians were repairing equipment and helping build roads and bridges in Sudan. "An engineering and technical delegation left Baghdad for Khartoum several days ago to help their Sudanese brethren in the campaign of maintenance and reconstruction," the government newspaper Al Jumhuriyah said. Iraq's minister of housing and construction, Mahmoud Di'ab Al Ahmad, left for Sudan on Sunday for an official visit. "Engineering and technical teams from the ministry were in Sudan recently where they embarked on a comprehensive campaign... to repair a great quantity of machines and equipment," Mr. Ahmad said as leaving.

Israeli missile official convicted of taking bribery

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The former head of Israel's Heretz anti-missile project, Dov Raviv, has been found guilty of pocketing bribes, court officials said Monday. Judge Amnon Strachnov of Tel Aviv district court found Sunday that Mr. Raviv took \$175,000 in bribes from a Canadian company and laundered the money through a Swiss bank account. Sentencing is to follow at a later date. Mr. Raviv, 56, was sacked in January 1992 as head of the project to build the Heretz anti-missile missile, financed 80 per cent by the United States. He is considered a top military expert and worked for 15 years on sophisticated Israeli arms projects.

Palestinian on trial for disco bombing

BERLIN (AFP) — The trial opened here Monday of a Palestinian suspected of a link with the April 1986 attack on the West Berlin discotheque, La Belle, that triggered the U.S. bombing raid on Libya nine days later. The 37-year-old man, Imad Mahmoud, was charged with abetting a Palestinian commando unit that was allegedly inspired and equipped by Libya to carry out an attack on U.S. soldiers in West Berlin. Mr. Mahmoud listened quietly as the charges were read out, and then said only: "I am innocent."

Mechanical failure behind Afghan crash

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) — Mechanical failure was the probable cause of a helicopter crash that killed two U.S. journalists and 13 Afghans, according to rescue workers who retrieved the bodies. The bodies of Sharon Herbaugh, 39, the Pakistan bureau chief of the Associated Press, and of freelance journalist Natasha Singh, 28, were flown to Islamabad Sunday on a U.N. flight from this northern Afghan border town. The crash was Friday.

8 'terrorists' killed in Algeria

ALGIERS (AFP) — Algerian security forces killed eight armed Islamic activists and seized four automatic weapons in separate incidents overnight and on Sunday, police said Monday. Two of the alleged fundamentalist "terrorists" were killed and one was injured when police chased four men preparing to carry out a holdup in the east Algiers suburb of Hussein-Dey Sunday. The fourth man escaped.

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Peace talks said set for April 27

Arafat, Assad hold talks in Latakia; ministers meet formally in Damascus

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syria and the United States have proposed restarting the Middle East peace negotiations on April 27, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Monday before meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

"Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher agreed on this date," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying by journalists on the plane from Cairo to Latakia, Syria.

Washington and Moscow, the sponsors of the peace talks, invited the Arabs and Israelis to resume the stalled negotiations in Washington Tuesday, but the Palestinians said conditions for the talks had not been met.

"I hope that the obstacles will be removed by then and that there will be no other delay," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying. Mr. Arafat said that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Palestinian delegates to the peace talks were to meet in Amman later Monday to formulate a position on the negotiations.

This position was then to be communicated to the meeting in Damascus of the other Arab parties to the talks — Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. The meeting is to decide on Arab conditions for resuming the peace talks.

Mr. Sharaa, who was in the same plane with Mr. Arafat, refused to mention a date for the resumption of the talks.

Journalists travelling with him quoted him as saying that the Damascus meeting would announce "a common Arab position and nothing will be revealed before then."

Mr. Arafat said he was going to examine "in detail" with President Assad all obstacles blocking the peace process.

Arab delegates said the Arafat-Assad meeting, the first in a year, took place in Qardahah, Mr. Assad's hometown which is near Latakia on the Mediterranean coast.

At the meeting were members of the Palestinian negotiating team Faisal Hussein, Saeb Erakat and Hanan Ashrawi as well as PLO Political Department head Farouk Kaddoumi and two other PLO Executive Committee members.

Mr. Assad was accompanied by Vice president Abdul Halim Khaddam, Mr. Sharaa and the minister of state for foreign affairs, Nasser Kaddur, according to Arab delegates.

Journalists asked Mr. Sharaa about U.S. assurances about the terms of the peace talks, and reportedly replied: "Contacts are continuing on this subject."

Mr. Arafat said the Palestinians wanted to delay the talks because Israel had not resolved the crisis over its expulsion of Palestinians to Lebanon in December as well as those expelled previously.

They were also angry over the closure of the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank last month, which he reportedly described as a "second occupation."

Foreign ministers Fares Bueiz of Lebanon and Kamel Abu Jaber of Jordan who were also on the plane with Mr. Arafat and Mr. Sharaa.

The meeting between Mr. Assad and Mr. Arafat suggested that a month of intense bargaining over whether to attend the

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Hoar ends Jordan visit

AMMAN (J.T.) — General Joseph Hoar, commander of the U.S. Central Command, left Amman Monday at the end of a several-day visit during which he was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Abdul Hafez Mirai and other senior officials.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the Regent met with Gen. Hoar and a delegation accompanying him Monday (see photo) and discussed Jordanian-American relations and cooperation in all fields.

The Regent reviewed the latest developments in the Arab and international scenes and answered queries raised by members of the



'Poverty report is not frightening'

By Samir Shafiq
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A committee which was entrusted late February to prepare a report on poverty in Jordan has accomplished its task and will present its findings to the prime minister in the next few days.

According to a high-ranking official, the report is now in the hands of the minister of planning who is drawing key notes from the report and trying to include it in an overall comprehensive review to the presented to international donor countries' institutions in May-June this year.

The poverty report was demanded by the World Bank, which had done its own report on the subject, to see how the Jordanian government views the social impact on the people in the process of implementing the economic structural adjustment programme.

The report is also intended as a comparison document and a measurement of accuracy to the World Bank report, the official told the Jordan Times.

The official, who preferred anonymity, refused to reveal any data or information except to say that the report "is not frightening" and that its main scope "is mainly in linking poverty to unemployment" which the government sees as a key danger to avoid poverty from widening.

He hinted that by highlighting the threat of unemployment rather than poverty, Jordan hopes to convince the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of the social danger of cutting the civil

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Israeli army blocks aid for besieged Gaza Strip

EREZ CHECKPOINT, Occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers stopped a convoy of aid Monday and confiscated food, clothing and blankets meant for Palestinians confined to the occupied Gaza Strip for three weeks.

Military authorities blocked the five-truck convoy from entering the strip, calling the effort by the leftist Hadash party and Arab Israelis "a political act."

No-one is going hungry in Gaza, there is abundant food, and the members of parliament know this," the spokesman said. Israel's cabinet decided Sunday to extend the closure which had prevented tens of thousands of

Palestinians of the strip and occupied West Bank from working in the Jewish state.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered the occupied territories closed after attacks in which 13 Israelis were killed last month.

Two Hadash members of parliament who accompanied the convoy called the closure an Israeli attempt to force Palestinians back to Middle East peace talks suspended since Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon in December.

"The closing of Gaza is a crime, and one of its goals is to make the Palestinian people suffer from hunger," parliament deputy Hashem Mahameed told a meeting of Gaza businessmen.

Israel's Peace Now Movement, which advocated an Israeli military withdrawal from the occupied territories, Monday voiced support for the indefinite closure of

the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "It is an intelligent and positive measure because the closure of the territories shows the Israelis that separation is the most realistic solution," Peace Now spokesman Tsali Reshef told a press conference.

"Mixing the Israeli and Palestinian people is being paid with blood," Mr. Reshef said in reference to the killings of 15 Israelis and 26 Palestinians last month.

Gaza was sealed off on March 28 and the West Bank was closed two days later.

Peace Now said Israel should take a "brave peace initiative" to kickstart stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks to "give hope to inhabitants of the region."

"The government must start a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)," said Peace Now Secretary General Avri Gil.

Bitter feud in Pakistan after Sharif is toppled

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will be arrested if corruption charges are confirmed, the acting premier said Monday, indicating the country's power struggle could escalate.

Mr. Sharif's government was dismissed Sunday night by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, capping a two-month battle for supremacy between Pakistan's two most powerful men. Mr. Sharif began rallying loyalists Monday to challenge his dismissal.

Mr. Ishaq Khan deposed Mr. Sharif after the prime minister threatened to repeal the constitutional amendment that gave the presidency much of its power, including the right to appoint the military's commander.

Rather than act as a check, the 1985 amendment created conflicting power centres that have repeatedly clashed. Mr. Sharif's was the third government to be dismissed in five years.

Previously, Pakistan had been mostly under military rule since its independence in 1947. Acting Prime Minister Balikh Sher Mazari, who will head the

administration until elections July 14, said early Monday that he would act on the president's accusations of corruption if they could be proven.

A defiant Sharif dared the president to prove his charges. "If I have committed any crime, let him fight me in court," he told the Associated Press during a rally of hundreds of his party faithful.

"The dissolution has been condemned by the whole nation. We have the support of the people," he said.

Parliament Speaker Gohar Ayub, a Sharif supporter, petitioned the high court to issue an injunction against the presidential decree. The court will hear the case Tuesday.

Mr. Sharif moved out of the prime minister's official residence early Monday and planned a whistle-stop train journey to his home town of Lahore Tuesday to begin his political revival.

Followers promised mass demonstrations in Punjab. Mr. Sharif's home province, which

Demirel may succeed Ozal as head of state

ANKARA (R) — Turkish commentators Monday tipped Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel to win an awkward race for president after Turgut Ozal's sudden death Saturday.

Mr. Demirel has yet to confirm he will be a contender, but he told Hurriyet newspaper such expectations were natural.

"It is natural for the people to consider this for me as a person who has been in Turkish politics for 30 years," he said.

A 10-day nomination period begins on April 27. Parliament has a further 20 days to choose a new president.

Mr. Demirel said his duty was to avert any succession crisis, but Mr. Ozal's unexpected demise has plunged Turkey into an imbroglio which could upset the existing political equation.

The conundrum for politicians is how to replace Mr. Ozal without subjecting the nation to more of the ill-tempered cohabitation which marked the late president's relations with Mr. Demirel.

For would-be presidents, the dilemma is how to secure the top job without destroying their own

parties in the process.

Sinc parliament is to elect the new president, ordinary Turks will have no direct say in whether they get a dynamic, opinionated head of state such as Mr. Ozal or an even-handed figurehead who will not meddle in politics.

Turkish columnists said Mr. Demirel was the strongest potential candidate, but warned that taking on the presidency could carry heavy consequences for him and his True Path Party (DYP).

They predicted that such a move would cause the break-up of the 17-month-old coalition between the centre-right DYP and the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) led by Erdal Inonu.

Mr. Demirel, 69, may want to crown his long political career with a seven-year stint as head of state. But Sabah columnist Ahmet Tan said it could be political suicide for him to step down as prime minister before fulfilling election promises.

"If Baba (father, Demirel's nickname) deverts the government in favour of a post lacking responsibility, he cannot justify this to his party or the public."

Aqaba-bound ship turned away — third this month

By P.V. Vivekanand
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A Sudanese-flag ship under charter to a largely Jordanian government-owned shipping company was intercepted and prevented from proceeding to the port of Aqaba by the enforcers of the international embargo against Iraq in the third incident of its kind this month, the head of the company said Monday.

Yasser Al Tal, director-general of the Jordan National Shipping Lines, said the vessel, Omdurman, was carrying 12,000 tonnes of general cargo bound for the Jordanian market from Europe.

Inspectors based on an American frigate, part of the international force patrolling the Red Sea to enforce the sanctions against Iraq, boarded the vessel in the Tiran Straits at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba and ordered it to turn back, Mr. Tal told the Jordan

Times. "Despite the captain's offer to ensure inspection accessibility to all the cargo, including those in the lower hold, the inspectors demanded that the vessel unload part of the cargo at some other port before being allowed to proceed to Aqaba," Mr. Tal said.

The cargo that the inspectors wanted unloaded included 200 tonnes of water pipes and some containers as well as some mobile cranes, he said.

Subsequently, the vessel had no choice but to proceed to Port Suez to meet with the demands of the inspectors, Mr. Tal said, adding:

"This diversion is going to cost at least \$50,000 extra, and we have no choice but to reflect it on our charges from the importers."

Mr. Tal noted that the Jordan National Shipping Lines is 75 per cent government-owned and its operations are strictly guided by the policies set by

the government.

"It is inconceivable that our ships will carry any cargo in violation of the sanctions," he said. Furthermore, he added, "all exporters and shippers provide us with every necessary document, including U.N. permission wherever necessary, at the point of origin, particularly the European ports which abide by the sanctions to the letter."

The Omdurman, which took on its cargo from Belgium, Germany and British ports, was the third ship to be intercepted and prevented from proceeding to Aqaba this month.

Al Abiad, another Sudanese vessel, and the Windfield, a Norwegian ship, were blocked at the Tiran Straits on April 7 and April 14 respectively. The vessels, carrying general cargo and newsprint for the Jordanian market, were diverted to other Red Sea ports to unload part of their cargo.

In both cases the reason cited by the inspectors was inaccessibility to cargo for inspection.

"It seems that whenever a new frigate takes up position (as part of the sanction enforcers), it makes it a point to intercept and turn back two or three ships bound for Aqaba," said Mr. Tal, quoting an old proverb: "New brooms sweep the roof."

Jordanian shipping agents and merchants made their long-standing concerns known to a group of officers from the international force in the Red Sea who visited Jordan three weeks ago and were hoping that the overzealous inspection methods would be relaxed, Mr. Tal said.

"The costly diversions and discharging of cargo elsewhere and the subsequent transshipment are damaging the national economy and leading to increased prices in the market," he noted.

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Mubarak replaces interior minister; militants happy

By Dalia Baligh
The Associated Press

CAIRO — President Hosni Mubarak has appointed a new interior minister, replacing the man whose harsh campaign failed to stanch anti-government violence and raised accusations of human rights abuses.

The new minister has firsthand experience with the militants and is a known crusader against corruption, one of the radicals' main complaints in their holy war to replace Egypt's secular government with strict Islamic rule.

Moreover, police Major General Hassan Al Alfay, 57, is not a member of Mr. Mubarak's political party, which is sure to win favour with militants.

It was uncertain how widely Gen. Hassan's policies may differ from his predecessor, Abdul Halim Musa. But analysts expect the militants to suspend attacks on tourist sites and other areas as they await his first move.

A senior extremist leader of the Islamic Group in the trouble spot of Assiut, 320 kilometres south of Cairo, immediately welcomed the new minister's appointment Sunday.

"The Islamic Group has received with happiness the news that Al Alfay has been appointed," said Mahmoud Sayed Selim, leader of the group's military branch, in a statement to reporters.

"We know that he is honest and against corruption," he said.

"He knows a lot about us. His appointment could decrease the confrontation between us and the security authorities."

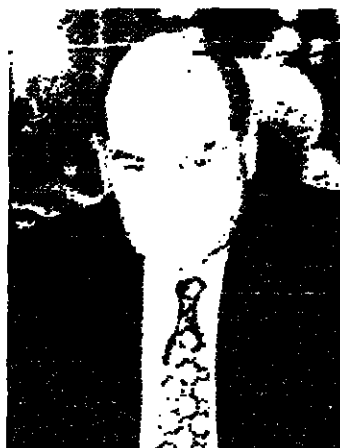
The Islamic Group has about 200,000 supporters, many men in their 20s, and about 10,000 are believed to be armed. After targeting security forces and members of the Coptic Christian community, they turned on foreign tourists last year and have already caused a 50 per cent drop in tourism. Egypt's top foreign currency earner.

The leader of the group is said to be radical Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, who faces deportation from the United States. At least four of the suspects in the Feb. 26 World Trade Centre bombing killed more than 1,000 attended the blind cleric's sermons at a mosque in New Jersey.

As governor of Assiut for the past two years, Gen. Al Alfay has dealt directly with the extremists. Shortly after Mr. Mubarak swore him in, Gen. Al Alfay told reporters of the need to establish "safety and security for everyone in Egypt and a decisive and effective confrontation with extremists and terrorists."

In brief remarks, he blamed difficult economic circumstances and unemployment for the spread of extremism.

Since the beginning of 1992, 139 people have been killed in clashes, most of them militants. Critics have accused the government of abusing human rights and



Abdul Halim Musa

fostering violence with violence. In his last week in office, Mr. Musa opened a dialogue with the radicals through a committee of religious leaders. Mr. Musa apparently angered the government by discussing the mediation publicly.

Prime Minister Atef Sedki denied the government was talking with the radicals.

"There cannot be a dialogue with these criminals who kill innocent people and strike against the interest of the nation," he told reporters after Gen. Al Alfay was sworn in.

Hisham Mubarak, a lawyer who studies the militants' anti-government campaign, said the ministerial change will bring a temporary truce between the government and the extremists.

"The upcoming period will witness a reduction of violent acts," he told the Associated Press.

"The Islamic Group will give the new minister a chance and will test him. It will not escalate anything unless police start first."

Iraq to allow visits by Iranian pilgrims

NICOSIA (Agencies) — A senior Iraqi official says his country is ready to admit Iranian pilgrims, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Monday.

The invitation was extended Sunday by Iraq's deputy minister of endowments and religious affairs, Hamed Al Qabisi, who is in Iran to attend a religious congress, according to the agency, which is monitored in Nicosia.

His presence at the gathering, as well as the invitation to pilgrims, is a sign of growing cooperation between Iran and Iraq, which fought a bloody war from 1980-88.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries remain strained. Iran accuses Baghdad of harbouring Iranian rebels, while Iraq accuses Tehran of aiding Shiite Muslim rebels operating in southern Iraq.

But recent reports indicate that Iran is sending food worth millions of dollars into Iraq in return for cement and fertilizer. The trade is prohibited by U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Mr. Qabisi is in Iran at a congress honouring Sheikh Mufid, a Shiite Muslim scholar who died in 1022. The three-day conference, which began Saturday, is being held in the Iranian city of Qom, the centre of Shiite learning in Iran, IRNA said.

The conference has drawn scholars and researchers from 25

countries, it said.

Mr. Qabisi told the news agency that the presence of an Iraqi delegation at the congress was "a sign of improvement of Tehran-Baghdad ties," the news agency said.

Sites holy to Shiite Muslims are in the Iraqi cities of Karbala, Najaf, Kazmin and Samarra.

IRNA said Mr. Qabisi "declared his country's readiness to admit Iranian pilgrims."

Mr. Qabisi was willing to discuss arrangement for visits to Karbala, Najaf, Kazmin and Samarra, it said.

Iranians could not visit them during the Iran-Iraq war or after Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

Shells hit Kurds in Iraq

An Iranian Kurdish rebel group said Iran's army began shelling its headquarters in northern Iraq Monday in preparation for a ground attack.

The Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (PDKI) said the attack was concentrated near Ranya just inside the western-imposed "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq and could lead to "widespread killing and destruction."

"The Islamic Republic (of Iran) ... began intensive bombardment of the area at 10.55 a.m. local time," it said in a statement sent to Reuters from its European office in Paris.

Arafat activist shot dead in Sidon

SIDON (AP) — Two gunmen assassinated a regional commander of Yasser Arafat's main-stream Fatah faction Monday in South Lebanon, the latest death in a war with the Abu Nidal group.

Police said the assailants pumped 11 bullets from silenced pistols into Dr. Ibrahim Turkiyeh, who served as chief dentist for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the port city of Sidon.

Dr. Turkiyeh, 47, Fatah's commander in Sidon, was attacked outside a medical depot in downtown Sidon at 10 a.m. (0700 GMT).

Police said they believed Dr. Turkiyeh's assassination was the latest in a series of tit-for-tat killings between Fatah and Abu Nidal's breakaway Fatah-Revolutionary Council.

At least 25 people on both sides have been killed since last June.

In another incident that could be related to the Fatah-Abu Nidal feud, the bullet-riddled bodies of two men were discovered at the northern entrance to Sidon.

Police said they believed one of the victims was a Palestinian and the other a Syrian. They said the men probably were killed two or three days ago.

Their faces were unrecognisable because of gunshot wounds, police said.

"We are investigating their case on the bases that the two victims were probably members of Abu Nidal's group," said a police spokesman, who cannot be identified by name under security rules.

Further south near the port city of Tyre, the car of Fatah's commander of the Shabirah refugee camp, Yehya Nabil Al Masri, was blown up Monday by a remote-control bomb.

Police said the green Mercedes was destroyed and that a resulting fire damaged two empty houses nearby. No casualties were reported.

The killings began on June 8, 1992, when Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) intelligence chief Atef Beisio was gunned down in Paris. The rest of the attacks have occurred in Lebanon.

Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri Al Banna, broke from Fatah in 1973 and was sentenced to death by a Fatah revolutionary court, which tried him in absentia in 1974.

Mr. Arafat views Abu Nidal as a reckless maverick whose unruly extremism damaged PLO interests and image.

Abu Nidal brands Mr. Arafat a "capitalist" for his efforts to seek a political settlement with Israel and has vowed to strike at Israel and its Western supporters.

Abu Nidal tops the "most wanted" list in the United States and many European nations.

Jordan assails Israeli siege of occupied lands

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has condemned Israel's three-week old closure of the occupied territories and its ban on Palestinian labourers entering the Jewish state.

In a letter, headed Israel acts, Jordan reacts, in the April 16 issue of the International Herald Tribune, the Crown Prince said:

"The Israeli attempt to ban Palestinian labour is an act of oppression contrary to international labour laws and customs. It can only be seen as a measure of collective punishment, a misguided response to the escalation of Palestinian resistance to occupation. Its profoundly negative consequences are already being felt, both in the occupied territories and among Israeli employers."

"Israel's claim that the occupied territories have benefited economically from occupation is bogus, in fact, the regime imposed by Israel has caused the collapse of the existing economic structure. No new work opportunities have been created in the territories during the years of

occupation. This fact, together with oppressive restriction on Palestinian enterprise, has meant that most Palestinian workers have been forced to work in Israel or to emigrate. And Israel is now closing the door to the only work remaining to those under occupation."

A meeting of Arab ministers held recently in Amman decided to put a request forward to the director-general of the International Labour Organization to call on Israel to guarantee freedom of labour for all Palestinian workers. The purpose is to demand that Israel grant employment opportunities in the Israeli community, but to loosen the economic hegemony imposed by Israel through its military occupation.

"Is a ban on Arab labour conducive to confidence-building? Is it an effective way to fight what Israel describes as extremism? One thing is certain: The ban is a sure way of exacerbating tensions that are already at breaking point, and creating a climate not for peace and mutual understanding but for further grief on all sides."

UNRWA warns Arabs of socio-economic emergency

VIENNA (Agencies) United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Commission General Turkmen has warned that "the rapidly growing hardship of Palestinians in the occupied territory may soon surpass UNRWA's financial ability to respond."

Speaking in Cairo on Sunday at a special session of the Council of Ministers of the Arab League, Mr. Turkmen called upon Arab countries to provide greater financial support to the United Nations agency responsible for providing services to more than 2.7 million Palestinian refugees in the Middle East.

Even prior to the Israeli-ordered sealing of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in late March, which Mr. Turkmen described as "economic asphyxiation," UNRWA was facing a budget deficit of \$28.5 million and confronting the possibility of having to cut services if additional funds were not made available. Today, tens of thousands of Palestinian workers are idle, prevented by the closure from going to work in Israel. Wage losses to the Gaza Strip alone are estimated at \$750,000 per day.

The local economies of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have also been disrupted by the closure and resulting movement restrictions leading to millions of dollars of losses in agriculture, industry, transport and commerce. Unemployment was at least 40 per cent in the Gaza Strip and about 25 per cent in the West Bank prior to the sealing. If, as expected, new regulations and stricter monitoring are enacted to reduce the number of Palestinian labourers allowed to work in Israel, much of the responsibility for

addressing the human cost will fall on UNRWA.

UNRWA interviews with Palestinians in Gaza Strip refugee camps indicate that some families have been forced to liquidate possessions to generate cash to buy food because their savings are depleted. Local businesses have laid off large numbers of workers because they have no access to raw material and consumer demand has fallen. Agricultural products intended for the West Bank or external markets are being dumped locally, causing prices to fall between 50 per cent and 90 per cent. In the West Bank, merchants report that consumer purchases of fruits have dropped by 80 per cent, eggs by 50 per cent and meat by 60 per cent.

Mr. Turkmen explained that "steadily deteriorating economic conditions of Palestinians in the occupied territory as well as in Lebanon have pushed people who did not in the past depend on UNRWA services to turn to the Agency for basic support."

UNRWA provides basic health care, education and relief and social services to Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, West Bank and Gaza Strip. UNRWA's 118 health clinics receive six million patient visits annually; 691 schools provide education to over 350,000 pupils; 5,000 students attend UNRWA vocational training centres; and 180,000 persons are registered with UNRWA's special hardship programme which provides food rations to the poorest refugees. UNRWA has previously announced that it could be forced to begin reducing some services beginning July 1 unless additional funds are received.

Ceasefire, fresh talks raise peace hopes in Sudan

By Mohammad Ali Saad
Agence France Press

KHARTOUM — A ceasefire that is apparently holding and agreement for a date on new talks have caused hopes to rise that a lasting peace is possible in Sudan.

Observers here see the new optimism as a sharp contrast to the anticipated offensive that the government appeared to be planning to recapture territories in south Sudan still under the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The government was believed to be planning operations similar to the code-named "Operation

Summer Crossing" last year in which government troops succeeded in retaking several major towns, including Torit, the SPLA stronghold, from rebel control.

However, the authorities have responded positively to a ceasefire declared unilaterally last March by the SPLA main faction led by Colonel John Garang.

The ceasefire between Col. Garang's men and government troops was still holding and had even extended to include other SPLA factions, according to government spokesman Ali Al Haj Muhammad at a press conference last week.

The spokesman had returned from "proximity" talks with Col.

Garang in the Nigerian capital Abuja. He said he had accused Col. Garang of using the ceasefire with the government as an opportunity to purge his rival factions.

Peace prospects were further encouraged by an encounter arranged by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni between Col. Garang and Mr. Muhammad at the northern Ugandan town of Entebbe, and by the latest meeting in Abuja where Nigerian mediators obtained an agreement on substantive talks to be held in Abuja on April 26.

The Abuja negotiations would be between the government and Col. Garang's SPLA faction only,

excluding rival factions.

Mr. Muhammad told the press conference that the government gave priority to talks with Col. Garang because he had become the "brandname" worldwide for the rebel movement.

However, he added, the talks with Col. Garang would not bar them from having similar talks with the other rebel factions.

For this reason, a government delegation would travel to Kenya in the near future to meet these factions and explore their positions, he said.

Since the 1991 overthrow of hardline leader Mengistu Haile Mariam in neighbouring Ethiopia, the SPLA has splintered, with three dissident factions led by former Garang aides.

Rek Machar and Lam Akol head one faction, and William Nyuon and Karbon Bol head two others. According to recent reports, the factions recently formed themselves into a single organisation under Mr. Rek Machar.

Observers anticipate considerable difficulty with the upcoming talks, with the government advocating a federal system in which Sudan would be divided into nine regions each enjoying legislation of its own choice, and Col. Garang insisting on a confederation of two separate states, one in the north and the other in the south.

Mr. Rek Machar is known to favour the more radical position of full secession for south Sudan.

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Faulty Scuds deprive N. Korea of oil

SEOUL (AFP) — North Korea's oil imports shrunk drastically last year, partly due to faulty Scud missiles exported to Iran as barter payment, an official at a South Korean state-backed thinktank said Monday.

North Korea's oil imports fell to approximately 1.35 million tonnes last year from 1.93 million tonnes in 1991 and 2.54 million tonnes in 1990, said Ko Il-Dong of the Korean Development Institute's (KDI) Centre for North Korean Economic Studies.

Imports from Iran fell to 220,000 tonnes, down from 640,000 tonnes imported from the Middle East — mainly Iran — the

previous year and 980,000 tonnes from Iran in 1990, Mr. Ko said. KDI had no specific figures for Iran in 1991 but Mr. Ko said imports from Iran took up the lion's share of imports from the Middle East.

He said oil imports from Iran were shrinking because the Scud missiles Pyongyang sent Tehran in exchange had some defects and it had little else with which it could use to barter for the oil.

North Korea's oil imports have also shrunk because, hit with a deteriorating economy, it had little hard currency and few commodities with which to pay other suppliers, he said.

Imports from China, Pyongyang's last remaining communist mentor, have also dropped as Chinese firms are aiming more at turning a profit than in aiding ideological allies, he said.

Imports from China totalled 1.05 million tonnes of crude oil last year, down from 1.1 million tonnes the year before. He said it was still unclear how deeply a Chinese decision to halt barter trade.

In the past, he said, 45 per cent of Chinese oil shipments were paid for in commodity goods while 55 per cent were considered a loan, which was in effect never paid off.

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19:30 News in Hebrew
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20:30 Forever Green
21:00 News in English
22:00 Classical feature film

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Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

06:45 Frankfurt (RJ)
07:15 Damascus (RJ)
08:00 Amman (RJ)
09:30 Amsterdam, New York (RJ)
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Garlic	300 / 180
Grain	260 / 200
Lemon	240 / 180
Marrow (large)	580 / 500
Mint	150 / 150
Onion (dry)	230 / 160
Onion (green)	200 / 180
Orange	600 / 250
Pepper (hot)	200 / 150
Pepper (sweet)	200 / 150
Potato	210 / 160
Spinach	250 / 200



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday receives the Omani Minister of Industry and Trade Magboul Ben Ali Sultan (second from right). Mr. Sultan, who was received in a special audience at the Royal Court, conveyed the greetings of Sultan Qaboos of Oman and those of the Omani people to His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian people. Prince Hassan and the Omani minister reviewed results of talks between the Omani delegation and Jordanian officials. The Crown Prince stressed the need for setting up a joint information centre on trade and industrial

Visiting Omani trade minister reviews issues with officials

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Omani Minister of Industry and Trade Magboul Ben Ali Sultan was received at separate meetings Monday by the ministers of Supply, Agriculture and Health to discuss enhancing trade relations and other fields of cooperation.

At the meeting with Supply Minister Mohammad Al Saqqaf, Mr. Sultan called for correcting the trade balance, which is currently in favour of Jordan, and urged the supply ministry to reimport Omani fish.

Mr. Saqqaf informed the Omani minister that the Jordanian market is open to all kinds of fish and that at the present time the private sector is importing sufficient quantities.

He stressed that the supply ministry will reconsider the Omani request.

On the other hand, Mr. Saqqaf called on the Omani side to import Jordanian fruit. The two ministers agreed to hold a meeting next month for officials from both ministries to discuss the possibilities of these import matters.

Also Monday Agriculture Minister Fayez Khasawneh discussed with Mr. Sultan the idea of establishing joint companies, which will be responsible for organising import and export processes.

The two ministers also discussed issues pertaining to exchanges of agricultural experiences, particularly in relation to drip irrigation, rationalising the use of water for irrigation, sheltered agriculture, reuse of waste water and production of veterinary drugs and fertilisers.

Mr. Sultan said his ministry plans to facilitate the flow of commodities between both countries by granting visas to Jordanian trucks entering Oman and easing the related procedures.

The two ministers agreed to a proposal whereby a Jordanian trade delegation representing the public and private sectors will visit Oman to inspect the needs of Omani markets and work out a formula for commercial cooperation regarding Jordanian agricultural products, fertilisers, eggs, and veterinary drugs.

Health Minister Aref Al Bataineh also received Mr. Sultan and focused discussions on the possibility of sending Jordanian nursing instructors to teach at nursing schools in Oman and assigning visiting professors to give lectures on nursing at Oman's nursing colleges.

The Omani delegation also toured Sahab Industrial City and was briefed on its activities by Fayez Suheimat, director general of Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation.

In a related development, technical committees from the Joint Higher Jordanian-Omani Committee held a meeting Monday at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and discussed means of supporting and developing the volume of trade between both countries in the various industrial, cultural, commercial, technical and tourism areas.

They also discussed the possibility of establishing a joint holding company.

On Sunday, the joint committee met under the chairmanship of Industry and Trade Minister Abdullah Ensour and his Omani counterpart Mr. Sultan, and discussed means of increasing and diversifying the balance of trade in both countries.

Jordan's exports to Oman last year totalled JD 1.2 million, while Jordan's imports from Oman were around JD 992,000.

Crown Prince reviews financing with visiting IDB president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent Monday received at the Royal Court President of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Ahmad Mohammad Ali and reviewed with him the area of financing short-term and long-term trading.

Prince Hassan also discussed with Mr. Ali scopes of cooperation between the bank and the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation, which has carried out several development and rehabilitation projects within the framework of the Arab and Islamic Relief and Cooperation Projects.

The Crown Prince and Mr. Ali reviewed projects being financed partly by the bank to enhance their production capacity, such as the Arab Potash Company's expansion projects, Shideh phosphates project and some of the University of Jordan's projects in the areas of science and technology, as well as the expansion of Aqaba port.

Prince Hassan and Dr. Ali focused on the need to direct special attention to human development on the basis of an integrated social package, and scientifically analysing the problems faced by the Islamic world, particularly poverty and unemployment.

Water experts to review information access, use

AMMAN (J.T.) — Water and information management experts will meet in Amman today to discuss ways of improving water supply and sanitation programmes by applying lessons learned in the country, or from regional and global knowledge and experience.

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (a global forum of professionals working in the sector) has identified lack of access and use of information as one of the major constraints to the development of sustainable water supply and sanitation services.

Mutah opens first electrical engineering meeting

100 participants will seek to revitalise research

MUTAH (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday opened the first Jordanian electrical engineering conference to be held at Mutah University.

Addressing the opening session, University Acting-president Mohammad Kheir Mamsar welcomed Sharif Zeid and said the conference was held in response to His Majesty King Hussein's call for the Arab Nation to come up to date with all contemporary cultural and scientific developments.

Dr. Mamsar said the participation by a unique group of scholars from the various universities and scientific institutions is evidence of the awareness and live response to King Hussein's call.

He pointed out that the university's plans to participate in national development stem from its conviction that culture plays a major role in comprehensive national development.

Dr. Mamsar said that through its programmes and scientific plans the university seeks to concentrate on scientific approaches, intensifying efforts to promote them and strengthening their foundations.

He reviewed some of the cultural achievements made by the university in the areas of research, publishing, organising symposiums, and interaction with local communities.

He stressed the importance of conferences and symposiums in attaining high standards of scientific research and developing and promoting the spirit of innovation and novelty.

Dean of the engineering faculty Yousef Jaafreh said the conference is the first episode in a series of specialised scientific conferences, which the university seeks to organise locally, regionally and internationally.

Dr. Jaafreh said that linking between scientific research and national development is one of the most prominent features and one of the established facts at the present time. He said the convening of this first engineering conference in the south of Jordan is a practical translation of the university's objectives to support scientific research, strengthen its foundations and direct the attention of researchers to the need for linking scientific research and comprehensive development, particularly in the southern region of Jordan.

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive committee of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange opened its 21st meeting in Amman Monday with the participation of delegations representing 17 Arab states, as well as the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Minister of Industry and Trade Abdullah Ensour, in an opening address, called for bolstering economic, commercial and technological cooperation among Islamic states.

Dr. Ensour said the Islamic peoples who represent one-fifth of the world population are targeted at the present time, when changes are sweeping the world arena.

The minister said the Islamic states should develop economic relations between them through granting preferential treatment to each other, encouraging joint ventures, exchanging trade fairs periodically and benefiting from financial assistance offered by the Islamic Development Bank.

He said Jordan implemented such schemes before others had even expounded them.

In 1991, he said, the volume of trade exchange between Jordan and other Islamic countries accounted for 31 per cent of the volume of its foreign trade exchange.

He pointed out that the engineering faculty does not only seek to graduate engineers, but also to achieve a higher degree of interaction with the local communities through participation in building basic concepts on the social and economic formulas of development and drawing up the technical and engineering studies needed to open the panorama of Arab and Islamic achievements.

The faculty also seeks to undertake the necessary technical studies on the establishment of mini cities near the university, in cooperation with the Industrial Estates Corporation.

It also aims to create an ideal university village for the teaching and administrative staff of Mutah University.

Taking part in the conference which seeks to revitalise scientific research are 100 researchers from various academic and industrial institutions in Jordan.

The three-day conference will discuss 26 research and eight working papers in the areas of electronics, telecommunication, energy, remote control and computers.

Sharif Zeid also opened a book exhibition held on the sidelines of the conference and the Jordanian Electric Industries exhibition.

Attending the opening ceremony were Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougay Al Hindawi, Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Abdel Hafez Miral Al Kaabneh and senior government and civil officials.

Later Monday Sharif Zeid, who is chairman of the Royal Commission for Mutah University, chaired a meeting of the commission, during which he called on the university to review the method of admitting students so that it conforms to the needs of the community in the various major fields of study.

He also urged undertaking a detailed study on the university's needs for qualified teaching staff to maintain excellent academic standards.

Dr. Mamsar briefed Sharif Zeid on the situation of the university and its future aspirations and reviewed the organisational structure of the university, as well as the organisational structure of the students federation.



Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday opens Mutah University's first electrical engineering conference



Government, military, security, and university officials, as well as tens of experts Monday attend the opening session of Mutah University's first electrical engineering conference (Petra photo)

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King condoles Turkish acting-president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable to acting Turkish President Husametdin Cindoruk, condoling him on the death of Turkish President Turgut Ozal. Also Sunday His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad sent a cable of condolences, voicing his deep sorrow and regret over the death of President Ozal.

Crown Prince receives Circassian society group

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent Sunday received at the Royal Court a delegation representing the International Circassian Society. Prince Hassan Monday delegated deputy director of his office Abdullah Kanaan to convey his condolences to Al Abdullat family over the death of Abdullah Salam Al Abdullat.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra II" by artist Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.
- ★ Exhibition entitled "Recreation" by Jordanian, French and Iraqi artists, inspired by a sculpture by Iraqi artist Mohammad Hussein Abdullah, at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery.
- ★ Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Lujaina Al Aseel at Baladna Art Gallery.
- ★ Exhibition of books and educational facilities at the International Expo Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of prints, entitled "Architectural Motifs from the Arab World," by Rima Farah at the gallery, Hotel Jordan International.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Hanan Al Dasouqi at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of chemical materials and experiments for school students at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).

THEATRE

- ★ Arabic play entitled "The Dawn and Sunset of a Girl Called Yasmin" at 7 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ English play entitled "The Right Size" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

POETRY

- ★ Poetry recital by Syrian poet Shawqi Baghdadi at the Scientific and Cultural Centre of Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

Viel zu früh hat uns unsere Kollegin und Mitarbeiterin

Beate Christen

als Folge eines tragischen Verkehrsunfalls am 16. April 1993 für immer verlassen. Wir werden ihr erfrischende, humorvolle Fröhlichkeit, ihre Hilfsbereitschaft und ihre tatkräftige Art sehr vermissen. Sie hinterlässt eine Lücke in unserem Botschaftsteam, die sich nur schwer wird schließen lassen.

Botschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Amman

Eine Gedenkfeier wird am Mittwoch, dem 21. April 1993 um 17:00 Uhr in der Lutherschen Kirche zum Guten Hirten, Mekka Street, stattfinden.

Traueranschrift:
Artur und Martha Christen
c/o Deutsche Botschaft Amman

Our colleague Ms. Beate Christen departed too early, as a result of fatal car accident on 16. 04. 1993. By her tragic death we lost a dear and beloved colleague of pleasant nature, joyful and extremely co-operative. Beate's death created emptiness in our Embassy quite difficult to fill.

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Amman.
- Memorial service will take place at the Arabic Lutheran Church, Mecca Str. on Wednesday, 21st April 1993 at 5 p.m.
- Condolences can be sent to:
Artur and Martha Christen
c/o Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Amman.

Parliamentary delegation returns from talks in India

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian parliamentary delegation headed by Lower House of Parliament Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat returned to Amman from New Delhi Monday after participating in the 89th Conference of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) which opened there April 12.

Dr. Arabiyat told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, upon arrival that at the five-day conference a working paper presented by the Jordanian delegation reviewed the democratisation process in the Kingdom, democracy in the Arab and Islamic worlds and dimensions of the expulsion of about 400 Palestinians to South Lebanon by Israel last December.

He said the paper also dealt with the role of world parliamentarians in pressuring the Israeli occupation authorities to release Palestinian detainees and prisoners, allow the expellees to return to their homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, meeting the needs of the Palestinian people, and stressing their right to establish their independence.

The delegation accompanying Dr. Arabiyat to the conference included Deputy Taher Al Masri, Senator Abdullah Salah, Deputy Husni Al Shayyab and Parliament Secretary General Saleh Al Zu'bi.

Dr. Arabiyat said the Jordanian delegation has conveyed to Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman and other Indian officials the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian government and people.

The Indian president, he said, asked the Jordanian team to convey his greetings and appreciation to King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent and the Jordanian people.

CONDOLENCES

The editor and staff of the Jordan Times deeply mourn the passing of

Pop Vasile

father of their friend and colleague

Ica Wahbeh

May Ica and Hassan be comforted that they were able to share some tender moments with their father when he visited Jordan with Mrs. Vasile recently.

CONDOLENCES

The Friends of Archaeology Society offers its sincerest condolences to the family, friends, the ambassador and colleagues at the German Embassy in Amman on the untimely death of our member and friend

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due to a tragic car accident on Friday, April 16, 1993. We remember with affection this charming, delightful young woman who accompanied us on many of our activities. May God grant us all the understanding and acceptance of His will.

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Muslim and Arab worlds to pick up where the former British prime minister left off by beginning to apply effective pressure on the western governments in a bid to neutralise the indirect Russian aggression on the Islamic community in Bosnia.

Peace talks said set for April 27

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peace talks was reaching a final climax.

Mr. Arafat arrived from Egypt, whose foreign minister Amr Musa said the Arabs were considering a proposal to postpone the start of the talks in Washington.

Mr. Hussein said the delay was necessary to clarify promises by the United States and Israel.

In Warsaw, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin criticised the Arabs for delaying the negotiations.

"Now the world knows who is really interested in peace," said Mr. Rabin, asked to comment on the delay sought by the Palestinians and Arab states.

In Amman a PLO hardliner said Monday that Mr. Arafat had already decided to let Palestinians attend the peace talks.

PLO Executive Committee member Tayseer Khaled, who opposes the peace process, said Mr. Arafat had taken the decision without consulting the PLO's Executive Committee.

"The decision to let Palestinians attend the next round of talks has been ready since yesterday," Mr. Khaled told Reuters.

Mr. Khaled is a member of Nafay Hawameh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which opposes the peace process.

"Nobody in the Palestinian leadership has the right to bypass the PLO's Executive Committee and turn their back to the will of the Palestinian people who oppose the path of this process and its unfair terms," he said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Christopher acknowledged Monday that the peace talks would not resume on schedule, but he said he anticipated a "relatively minor delay" of not more than a week.

He urged the Arab officials meeting in Damascus to approve resumption of the negotiations with Israel. He reiterated that the United States would take on a "full partnership" role.

While Mr. Christopher and other U.S. officials have not spelled out what that means, the implication is that he or top aides would step into the talks and help frame a settlement that has eluded the two sides since negotiations began in October 1991.

The prospect of more energetic U.S. involvement under President Bill Clinton raised interest in the round that was due to open at the State Department Tuesday. Israel had accepted a joint invitation from the co-sponsors, the United States and Russia.

"I hope that the meeting today in Damascus will produce a favourable result," Mr. Christopher said. "One thing I would want to emphasize is the importance to all the parties of returning to the table, taking advantage of the full partnership of the United States."

He told reporters during a picture-taking session in his office with Petr Kravchanka, the foreign minister of Belarus, that he was "slightly disappointed" by the delay.

"But I continue to feel quite confident," he said, "that the discussions will resume here in the relatively near future. I would hope a delay of not more than one week."

U.S. and other efforts to kick-start the negotiations faltered when the Palestinians demanded Israel first reopen the occupied territories and resolve the expulsion crisis.

The four Arab parties to the peace negotiations, who resuming talks began here Friday and Saturday, want Washington to give written answers to these and other concerns, Arab officials said.

Jamal Al Surani, a PLO Executive Committee member, said in Cairo that the United States must provide "written confirmation of the basic principles of the negotiations, particularly U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338."

Iraq says U.S. ignored overtures

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Department said one of two Wild Weasel fighters fired missile at a radar tracking site south of the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq after radar targeted it. The site was destroyed, it said.

A spokesman in Stuttgart, Germany, for the U.S. forces in Europe said it was the first such attack by a U.S. air patrol south of the zone set up to protect the Kurds from attack by Baghdad.

Reporting from Mosul, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the anti-aircraft position was more than 22 kilometres south of the exclusion zone.

Neither of the U.S. planes was fired on but the crew felt threatened when the radar illuminated them, according to Pentagon spokesman lieutenant Commander Brian Cullin.

"They operated under the guidelines that when you're illuminated it is considered to be a threat," he said.

"This new aggression comes as civil defence workers in the Nineveh government continue to defuse the fragmentation bombs dropped by U.S. planes on the (April 9)." INA said.

It gave no further details on Sunday's attack. On Friday, it said an eight-year-old boy was killed when a cluster bomb exploded.

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Bitter power struggle in Pakistan

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The ouster of Mr. Sharif shows that Pakistan's fragile democracy remains under the shadow of the army despite its loss of direct power in 1988, analysts said.

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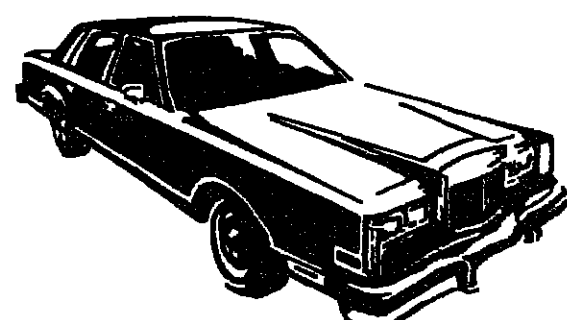
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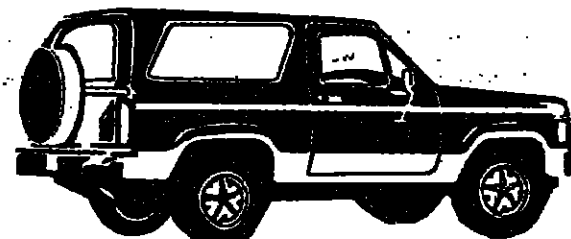
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World Gymnastics Championship

Miller wins 3 titles, despite illness

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — If Shannon Miller can win three world titles out of five when she has a stomach bug, what would she have achieved if fully fit?

"I'm sure she would have won all five," coach Steve Nunno said. "After all, she won the all-around title and had the top scores on the four events in qualifying."

Miller, a 16-year-old high school student from Edmond, Oklahoma, arrived at the World Gymnastics Championships chasing her first gold. At the Barcelona Olympics, she won two silvers and three bronze medals.

This time she got it right, with a little tactical help from Nunno. With the all-around title already won, she moved into the individual apparatus finals Saturday suffering from a queasy stomach.

Nunno decided to pull her out of the vault final so she could concentrate on the uneven bars. She won that with the best score of the entire competition, 9.847.

On Sunday came the beam, Miller's strongest discipline, and the floor exercises.

"On the beam, she did something she hardly ever does. She fell off."

After three back flips, Miller landed on the edge of the 4-inch surface and banged her hip on the way to the floor. She remounted the beam, but lost her balance and slipped off again. Her scores of 7.850 was the lowest by far. Instead, Romania's Lavinia Milosovici went on to score 9.850 and edge another American, Dominique Dawes, for the gold medal. Dawes, 16, scored 9.725 for her second silver after a

second place behind Miller in Saturday's uneven bars.

"I can put the beam performance down to the lingering stomach thing," Miller said. "After the first fall I lost my concentration. I did not really know what to think after the first fall, because that doesn't usually happen to me."

Nunno kept Miller in the warm-up area while Milosovici, Dawes and the other finalists were at the medal ceremony.

"I wanted to keep her focused on the floor routine. I got her aside and she said she wanted to do it. She said she didn't want to scratch from the competition and leave a wrong lasting impression," Nunno said.

"Then she put her whole heart into the floor routine. That's the sign of a true champion."

Going last on to the floor,

Miller needed to beat the 9.737 scored by Romania's Gina Gogean to capture the gold. She scored 9.787.

The other women's gold medal went to Yelena Piskoun of Belarus in the vault competition.

Another Belarussian, Vitali Scherbo, did not match his six-time performance from the Olympics, but wound up with three golds, adding the vault and the parallel bars titles to his all-around gold.

Pae Gil Su of North Korea won the men's pommel horse, his specialty, and Yuri Chechi triumphed on the rings to win Italy's first world championships gold.

Sergei Charkov of Russia, who placed second in the all-around final, won the high bar competition, and Grigori Musiutin of Ukraine won gold on the floor.

Americans far off pace in recent marathons

BOSTON (AP) — Americans, once the leaders of the pack in marathoning, have been far off pace in the past decade.

Blame it on the progress of runners from other countries where there are fewer alternatives for athletes.

"They're not playing ice hockey over in Kenya," says Greg Meyer, the last American man to win the Boston Marathon back in 1983.

Blame it on a college system that tries to extract the most from its scholarship athletes, making them run on the indoor, outdoor and cross-country squads so schools can get the most for their money.

"There's a lot of burnout during this time when an athlete is expected to be on all the teams," says 1984 Olympic champion Joan Benoit Samuelson, who set the Boston women's record in 1983 and still is one of America's top marathoners.

Blame it on a society that glorifies how high Michael Jordan can leap, not how far Bill Rodgers can run.

"It's not exactly the all-American sport, is it?" said Rodgers, a four-time Boston winner who hasn't won it in 13 years.

The reasons go on and on — from lack of a long-range development plan for runners to the demise of the club system in which marathoners trained together to avoid overtraining and the grueling workouts required for the race.

"Our kids can't wait to drive a car," Meyer said. "They're not thinking about going to the Olympics. They're thinking about what kind of car they'll be driving."

The best U.S. runner in today's 97th Boston Marathon was Steve Spence. But his top time for the 26.2-mile (39.5 kilometre) distance was only 2 hours, 12 minutes, 17 seconds. And he ran that back in 1980.

The last decade has been a downer for U.S. marathoners.

In the 10 years since Meyer won the Boston Marathon in 2:09:00, no American has run faster anywhere.

It's been more than 11 years since Alberto Salazar ran the fast

test Marathon of any American, 2:08:13 in the 1981 New York City Marathon. That's only the 17th best time on the world list.

Of the top 89 times in history, only five were by Americans, and Salazar had three of them.

The fastest American time in last year's Boston Marathon was 2:17:03, nearly nine minutes off the winning pace and 19th overall. And that was run by Doug Kuris in the master's division for runners 40 and older.

The only American women's winner in Boston Samuelson's 1983 victory was Lisa Weidenbach in 1985.

Of the 21 women's champions, seven of the first nine — but only two of the last 12 — were Americans. Eight of the 11 men's winners from 1973 through 1983 were Americans. They've been shut out since then.

Martin wins London Marathon: Eamonn Martin says he learned marathon running from reading books. His studying paid off.

Martin, known throughout his career as a middle-distance specialist, won his first-ever try over the long-distance in Sunday's London Marathon. He broke free Mexican Isidro Rico over the last 100 metres to take the \$55,000 first prize.

"I didn't know what to expect. I'd never run one before," said Martin, who said he only began thinking seriously about the Marathon last fall. "So I read a lot of books over the winter about Marathon running, about the pain and how to deal with it."

McColgan, the Scot favoured to win take the women's title, fell behind rival Australian Lisa Ondieki and eventual winner Katrin Dörre with six miles (9.6 kilometres) to go and finished third.

Dörre, sprinting away from Ondieki at the finish, won in London for the second consecutive year. Her time was 2:27:09, with Ondieki clocked at 2:27:27 and McColgan 2:29:37.

The 31-year-old German, winning her 16th marathon in 24 attempts, also collected \$55,000.

Inter begin to believe in the impossible

ROME (R) — AC Milan's defeat by Juventus has arch-rivals Internazionale believing they could pull off a long odds nightback to snatch the Italian League Championship.

Second-placed Inter cut the deficit to five points when they came from behind to win 3-1 at Brescia Sunday after Milan had crashed at home by the same score to Juventus the previous day.

"Inter can only try to win all six (remaining) games and after that see what they (Milan) do," said their Uruguayan star Ruben Sosa, who scored twice at Brescia.

"If they were to really come unstuck, then we would be ready to make the most of the gift."

With six matches left, most of

them against lowly rivals such as Udinese, Ancona, Brescia and Genoa, AC Milan look to have a relatively simple task to retain the title.

But Inter, unbeaten in the league since mid-December, draw hope from the fact that in their last six games they have narrowed the gap between the top two by six points.

Milan have faltered badly since they ran up a record 58 matches unbeaten in the league last month. They have not won in their last six league matches.

"I saw Milan against Juventus and found them in poor physical condition, they're not the side of two months ago," Sosa said. "Having said that however, you have to add that five points in six days seems an impossible task."

Goellner upsets Lendl to win 1st title

NICE (AP) — After beating two former No. 1 players in two days and winning a tournament as a qualifier, Marc Goellner deserves a rest.

He's getting it, whether he wants one or not.

Goellner, a 23-year-old German born in Brazil, won his first career title by upsetting Ivan Lendl 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 Sunday in the final of the Nice Open tennis tournament.

"I'm very happy and very tired," said Goellner, who had to win three preliminary matches in qualifications to enter the main draw. Then he won five more matches in the tournament, including a semifinal victory over top seed Stefan Edberg.

It was Goellner's first final on the ATP tour. He had never got past the quarterfinals of a pro event before Nice. It was the 143rd career final for Lendl, who has won 92 titles.

It also was a good week for an unseeded player in Charlotte, N.C., where Horacio de La Pena of Argentina won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

But it wasn't only the low-ranked players who were successful Sunday.

In Hong Kong, the world's No. 1, Pete Sampras, won a showdown with second-ranked Jim Courier, beating the former top-ranked man 6-3, 6-7 (1-7), 7-6 (7-2) to win the Hong Kong Salem Open.

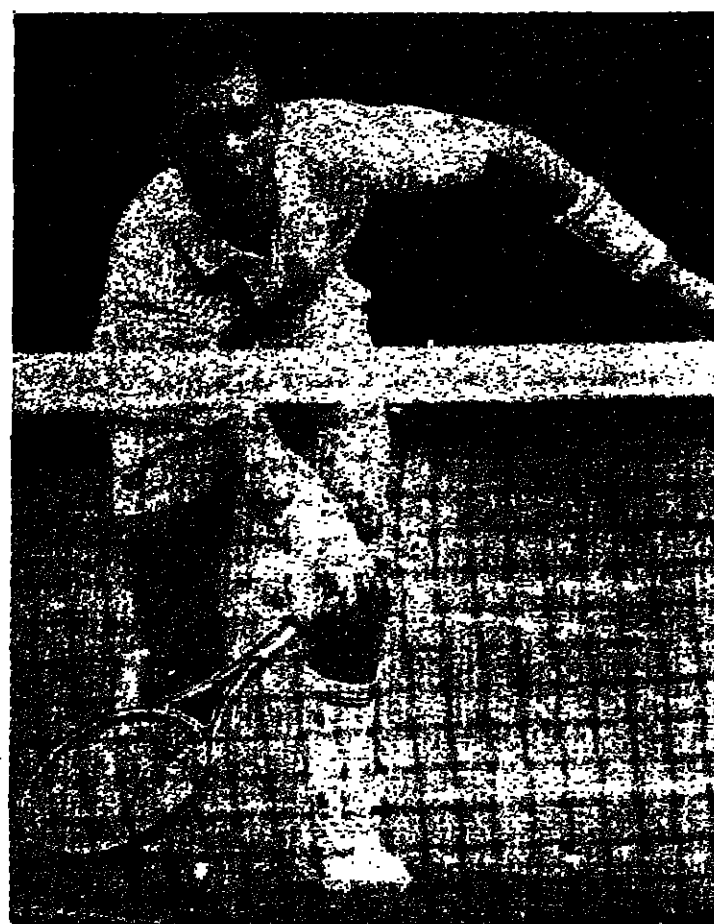
Usually after the Nice tournament, the players go on to nearby Monte Carlo. Goellner's impressive streak would make him an attraction in the Monte Carlo Open.

Lendl will be going, but not Goellner, who was ranked 95th in the world before Nice. Because he was playing in the tournament at Nice, he couldn't play in the qualifying at Monte Carlo. And all of the wild cards for the Monte Carlo already had been distributed to other players.

In Monte Carlo, Edberg, Boris Becker, Petr Korda of the Czech Republic and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia are the top four seeds, the same as they were for the Nice Open.

Lendl is seeded fifth, while former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany is No. 6. Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, who won two consecutive tournaments before Nice, is the seventh seed and defending champion Thomas Muster is eighth.

Nice had an unusually strong field this year as five of the top 10 players entered. However, it was the qualifier who overcame a rocky start in the final to win.



Ivan Lendl

Hakeem Olajuwon leads the Rockets

SEATTLE (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon began his ninth NBA season trading verbal shots with Houston Rockets owner Charlie Hirschman. He's ending it with a \$30 million contract and a chance to play on his first championship team.

As Olajuwon goes, so go the Rockets.

"Our intensity and aggressive defense are the differences," Olajuwon said.

The 7-foot, 255-pound (2.1-metre, 116-kilogramme) native of Nigeria showed the Seattle SuperSonics just how well he's playing — and what he's doing for Rockets — Saturday night in the

Seattle Coliseum.

Playing 46 minutes, the NBA's leading shot blocker had eight blocks in an 86-81 victory that gave Houston a nine-game winning streak and a franchise-record 53 wins with four regular-season games left.

Despite being double and triple-teamed by the Sonics, Olajuwon also led the Rockets with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Charles Barkley of Phoenix appears to be the leading MVP candidate, but don't overlook the 30-year-old Olajuwon.

Olajuwon is fifth in the NBA in scoring with a career-best 25.9 points per game and third in

rebouncing with 13. He also averages 4.14 blocks per game.

"With Hakeem, that's a great starting point to build a good defense and defense is what wins game like this," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Teams have to hit from the outside when you have someone like Hakeem down low."

Olajuwon didn't win an NCAA title at Houston, although he led the cougars to three consecutive final fours.

Still, he considers himself a winner.

"When things get tougher, I play bigger," Olajuwon said. "When teams go inside, I'm able

to do a good job of protecting the basket."

Since the All-Star break, the Rockets are a league-best 23-4.

Olajuwon isn't making any predictions about a championship, but it's clear he feels this could be his season.

"We're peaking at the right time," he said. "It's very important to finish strong. We are very confident right now."

Ricky Pierce, Seattle's leading scorer, said he's never seen Olajuwon play better. Olajuwon's intimidating defense played a part in the Sonics' 34 per cent shooting.

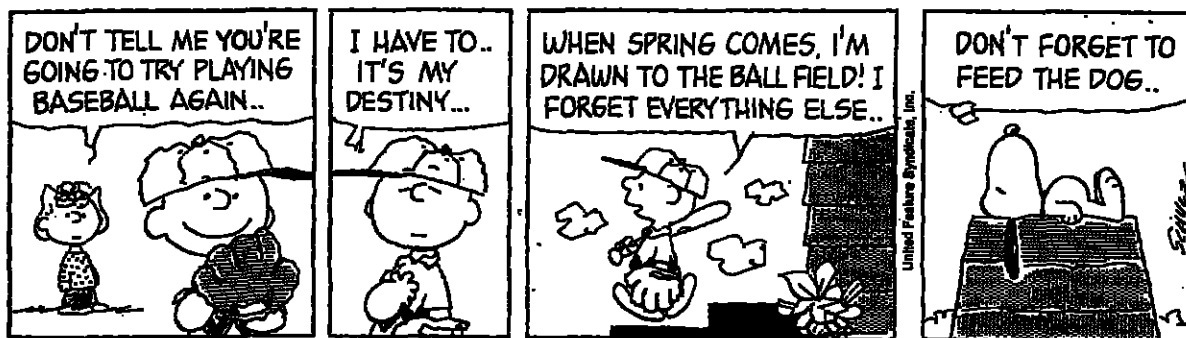
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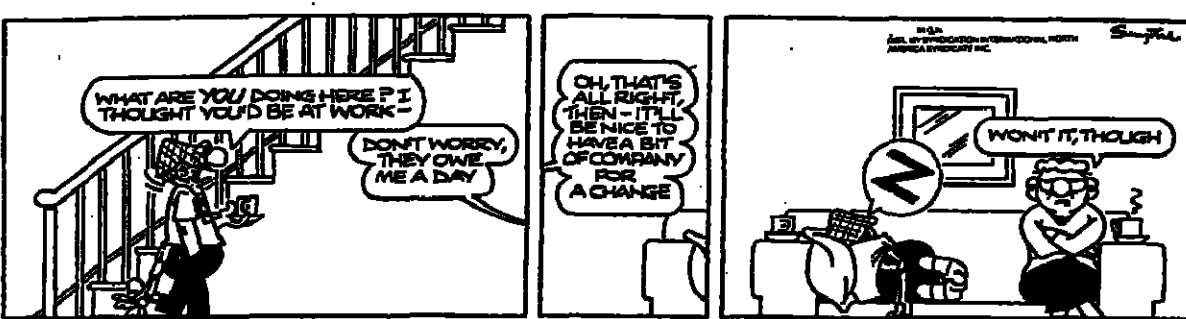
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K763 ♣J85 073 ♠A44
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West
1♣ Dbl Pass 1♠
2♣ ?
What action do you take?
A.—When you made your original takeout double, you promised the equivalent of an opening bid with support for the unbid suits, particularly majors. Since you have the worst possible holding in the enemy suit, pass. You've described your hand. It's up to partner now.
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQ103 ♣95 0♠762 ♠103
The bidding has proceeded:
West East South
1♥ Dbl 4♥ ?
What action do you take?
A.—When partner makes a takeout double of one major, he either has four-card support for the other major or extra values. At this vulnerability, East could have little or nothing for the jump to four hearts. If you pass this type of hand, you are giving the opponents license to steal. Bid four spades.
- Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A64 ♣J862 0♠98 ♠AK5
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
What action do you take?
A.—Partner is inviting you to bid, game if you hold a maximum no-trump opening bid. Playing 16-18 no trumps, the decision is clear-cut—pass. If your range is 15-17, your flat hand and lack of intermediate aces again makes pass the wise choice.
- Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠7642 ♣86432 0♠J7 ♠A8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
2♠ Dbl ?
What action do you take?
A.—Your opponents almost surely have a game somewhere, and you could easily make a lot of tricks at a spade contract, perhaps even game if partner has the magic hand. Make life as difficult as possible for the enemy by jumping to four spades.
- Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♣KQJ10876 0♠95 ♠72
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1♥ Dbl ?
What do you bid now?
A.—When you jump in a new suit over an opponent's takeout double, it's preemptive. How many hearts should you bid? We feel a jump to three hearts is right on target. That shows the same sort of hand with which you would have opened three hearts had you been in first or second seat.
- Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ63 ♣7 0♠AQ85 ♠J1086
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—If it were merely a question of which game you want to play, a strong argument could be made for a bid of three no trump. However, your hand has distinct slam possibilities, and we suggest you alert partner by jumping to four clubs.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



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By Thomas S. Pearson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Forget talking things out with others any further today under the three poor aspects that define the day's birthday. Best to pitch in and do the job you have agreed to do, in your most efficient mode.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Think about what your commitments are and how best to handle them and later in the day you are able to clearly see just what to do about them.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't attempt to get a partner who has fixed ideas to change them in the morning but later that person will be more reasonable and cooperative.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You don't see how you will put across the service you want to or from others as the day opens but persist and doors will open wide for you.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can't see your way clear to have the recreation you want but later in the day conditions clear up and you can enjoy yourself.

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Whatever problems face you at home today, and they can be upsetting, look at them objectively and you will find before the day is out they are solved.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Look into the various schools of thought that appeals to you and

after much study you can locate the one best suited for your special needs.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Don't allow yourself to feel you have a lack of the good things that you desire early in the day for afterwards you see you are in a better position.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) In the morning you feel you can do nothing right and that its necessary to force some issues to get your way but hold off doing so until the evening.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You can't seem to get out from under stewing about a problem early but in the evening you see just how it can be sensibly, rightly handled.

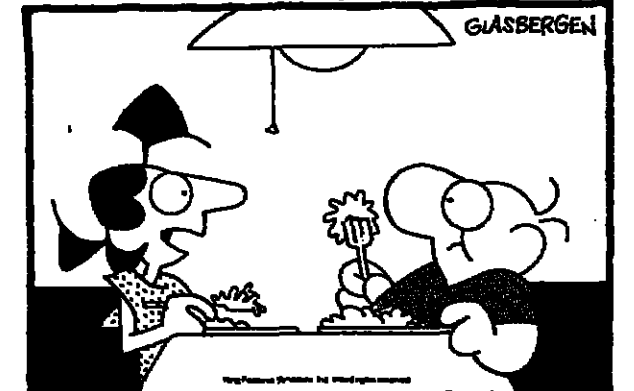
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Whatever brings you delays in gaining the personal interests you are working for can break in the evening so don't be discouraged at early obstacles.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You need to use much care in whatever you do in the world of outside activity so think what the public likes and go along that channel.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You would be unwise to go off on any jaunt today and by tackling means for gaining the data you need you can utilize this day to the best advantage.

THE BETTER HALF.

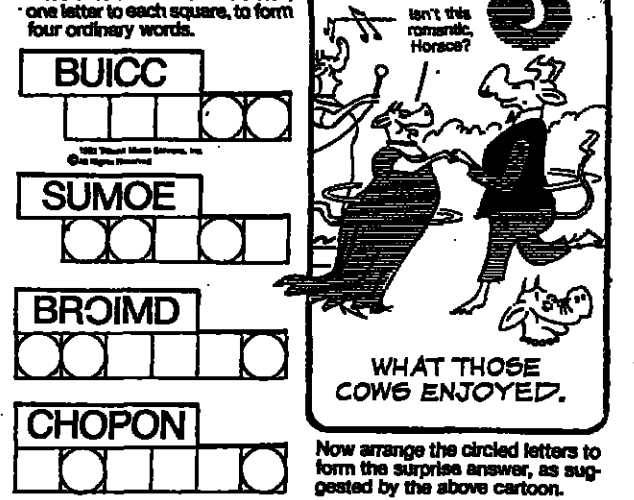
By Glasbergen



"Today at work the copy machine made a really weird noise and it made me think of you."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

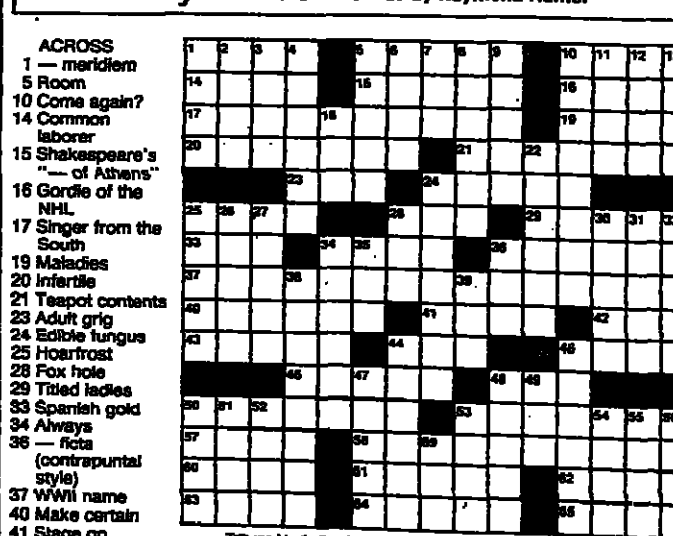
Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer: "BUICK" "SUMO" "BROOD" "CHOPON"

Yesterday's Jumbles: BROOD HEAVY MAKEUP THWART
Answer: What the bald-headed friends found it difficult to do—PART

THE Daily Crossword by Raymond Hamel



- ACROSS
1 meridian
5 Room
10 Come again?
14 Common laborer
15 Shakespeare's "Of Athens"
16 Gordie of the NHL
17 Singer from the South
19 Maladies
20 Infirmary
21 Teapot contents
22 Adult grg
24 Edible fungus
25 Hoarfrost
26 Fox hole
27 Tied ladies
33 Spanish gold
34 Always
36 (contrapuntal style)
37 WWII name
40 Make certain
41 Stage go.
42 Welcome
43 Singer Della
44 Chomped
45 Berlin, e.g.
46 Victim, for short
48 Bidni part
50 Dear meat
53 Fish, in France
57 Inking
58 Reckless revelry
60 Observed
61 Hardest var.
62 Fish
63 Termini
64 Full
65 Assist, criminally
- DOWN
1 Practices me-
boism
2 Like the proverbial pin
3 Speed
4 Main dish
5 Guit, as an engine
6 Spear of old
7 "What a good boy!"
8 to (like)
9 Stage direction
10 Accident injury
11 Nicklaus target
12 Leather roots
13 Try out
18 Make haste
22 Jellyfish
24 "Splash" character
25 Okay!
26 Actress Durne
27 Answered best
28 No.
30 Home of the Heat
31 Brilliance
32 Like brine
34 Waters
35 Necklike shape
36 "A-Team" star
38 Yelast's people
39 Rocker Adam
44 Top
45 Melon
47 Bouquet flowers
48 Drilled
49 Dog's first river
50 Gripper
51 Garden spot
52 Require
53 Untainted
54 Wedge
55 French river
56 Cartoonist of note
59 Silence!

Hani buried as gunfire erupts; Mandela blasts government

GERMISTON, South Africa (Agencies) — Slain black leader Chris Hani was lowered into his grave here Monday as gunfire erupted around the South Park Cemetery near Johannesburg.

The firing was started by a uniformed member of the African National Congress (ANC) army, Umkhonto We Sizwe, who fired four pistol shots into the air. The shooting continued with automatic rifle fire being identified as the coffin was lowered.

After Mr. Hani's body was buried, ANC official Tokyo Sexwale appealed for people in the crowd to cease shooting.

"We are issuing an order for people to cease firing," Mr. Sexwale said.

Mr. Hani, assassinated 10 days ago in his home in Boksburg near Johannesburg, was laid to rest as the crowd of several thousand sang a song of tribute.

ANC President Nelson Mandela threw a single red carnation and sand into the grave, as did several other leading figures of the movement as they filed past.

Earlier Monday, Mr. Mandela bitterly accused the Pretoria gov-

ernment of protecting the extreme right as he addressed 100,000 mourners who turned out Monday to bury Mr. Hani.

In a speech at a packed soccer stadium, Mr. Mandela railed at President F.W. de Klerk for granting a broad amnesty to South Africans accused of political crimes, including members of the security forces, through controversial legislation last October.

A member of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement, Janusz Walus, has been charged with gunning down Mr. Hani and Clive Derby-Lewis, the top English-speaker in the mainstream Afrikaans Conservative Party was arrested in connection with the case Saturday.

While radicals denounced by the ANC as agents provocateurs traded automatic weapons fire with police outside the stadium, Mr. Mandela lambasted the amnesty.

"It granted a licence to kill the man who wished to plunge this country into a racial war," he said.

"Through this legislation they were told that they could murder without fear of punishment."

And he warned: "We do not recognise such indemnity. We will not accept that a murder can be committed and the assassin can plead political indemnity."

"The criminals are investigating themselves," he said. When the ANC had first spoken of a third force behind the wave of killing that hit the Johannesburg area in July 1990 it was ridiculed, he recalled, using the ANC term for covert agents working to derail the peace process through political assassinations.

"Now both South Africa and the world has recognised not only the existence of that same third force but also the extent of its activities."

"That is why De Klerk retired army and police force generals with golden handshakes, but neither we nor the country know what activities they were dismissed for."

He slammed Mr. De Klerk for reacting to Mr. Hani's death by summoning the State Security Council to see how best black anger could be controlled.

"Why deploy troops against the mourners," he asked. "They say we cannot control our forces. We are not cattle to be controlled."

And he said: "We the victims of violence have been blamed by you for the very acts that take our lives, yet you treat the far right with kid gloves."

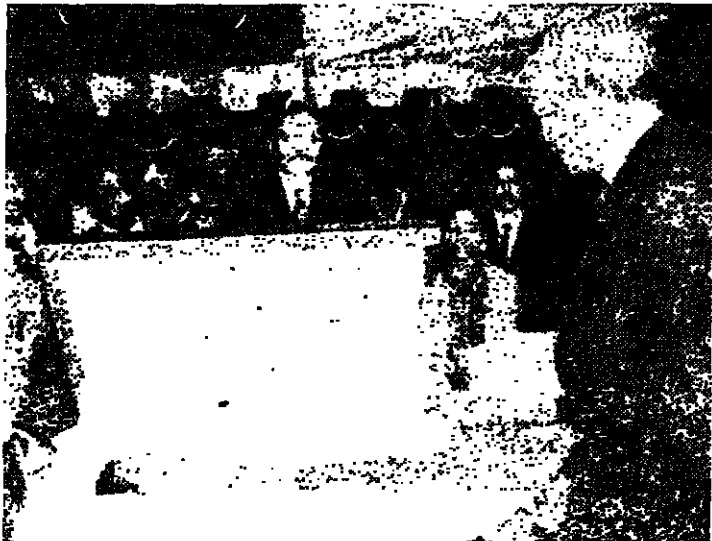
"Black lives are cheap and will remain so as long as apartheid continues to exist. For the ordinary black people of this country, apartheid is alive and well," he said.

But he was careful to link the anger to the campaign of mass action the ANC announced Friday to put pressure on democracy negotiators to come up with a date for a non-racial election by the end of May.

"This government is illegitimate, unrepresentative and unfit to govern," he said. "We want



Members of Umkhonto-We Sizwe, the ANC military wing, carry the coffin of the assassinated South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani, at the vigil near Soweto (AFP photo)



ANC President Nelson Mandela pays his last respects to slain South African Communist Party (SACP) leader Chris Hani, lying in state at a Soweto soccer stadium (AFP photo)

China reportedly has 'nuclear city' in Tibet

WASHINGTON (AFP) — China uses a top-secret nuclear city in the Tibetan plateau as its primary research centre and has deployed nuclear missiles in at least three sites in the semi-autonomous province, according to a report released Monday.

The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) also reported that the Chinese have plans to build a nuclear reactor in Lhasa, use forced prison labour at the nuclear sites and threaten regional stability with the missiles deployed in Tibet.

"China's positioning of nuclear and non-nuclear weapons on the Tibetan plateau has put many of India's major industrial and military facilities within striking distance of short-range missiles," said the report entitled Nuclear Tibet.

The Washington-based organisation formed in 1988 to monitor human rights in Tibet said its report was based on interviews with Chinese nuclear experts, government officials, two ITC fact-finding missions and Tibetans, who the group says are being poisoned by radiation.

The nuclear city was also "dumping an unknown quantity of radioactive nuclear waste" according to the group which said it had received "credible reports of illness and death to Tibetans near uranium mines."

Quoting the Tibet Information Network in London, ICT cited an example of a town near a mine in Ngaba province where 35 of the 500 residents have died from drinking water polluted by nuclear waste in the past three years.

"China's nuclear programme is only a fraction of the size of those in the United States and the ex-Soviet Union... But in areas of nuclear proliferation, lack of worker safety and irresponsible waste disposal, China's record is as poor or even worse than those of other nuclear powers," said the report.

The Chinese government denied Monday the existence of the top-secret nuclear research centre and nuclear weapons on the Tibetan plateau within striking distance of India.

The government's Nuclear Safety Administration also denied the death of 35 people near uranium mines cited in a report by ICT.

"This is impossible. I have never heard anything about this," an administration spokesman told AFP.

The Defence Ministry declined to comment on the report.

Court in Chechnya slaps Dudayev's decrees

MOSCOW (R) — The Constitutional Court in the rebel Russian region of Chechnya ruled Monday the president had violated the constitution by dissolving the legislature and imposing presidential rule. Interfax News Agency reported.

It was not immediately clear whether the ruling would have any effect on the power struggle between supporters and foes of President Dzhokhar Dudayev, a flamboyant former Soviet Air Force general.

Parliament moved Sunday to impeach Gen. Dudayev, accusing him of trying to carry out a coup with a series of decrees he issued the previous day, including a midnight-to-dawn curfew in the capital Grozny.

Interfax said supporters and opponents of Mr. Dudayev were planning to continue separate rallies in the city centre and quoted

Italians back reform by huge majority

ROME (R) — Italy's watershed referendum has been approved by a landslide, an exit poll reported Monday, with as many as 83 per cent of voters saying "yes" to sweeping electoral reform.

The poll, for RAI state television, was released minutes after voting ended in the two-day referendum, and is regarded by analysts as a reliable indication.

The extent of the "yes" vote as suggested by the Doha Research Group exit poll exceeded even the most daring of forecasts by the referendum's backers, who had been looking for a minimum 60 per cent.

Hanoi general denies writing POW report

HANOI (R) — U.S. envoy General John Vessey heard it from the horse's mouth Monday — Vietnamese ex-army General Tran Van Quang told him he did not write report on U.S. prisoners that has caused new friction with Hanoi.

"He gave us some important information... We're working hard," Gen. Vessey told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Gen. Quang in a chandeliered room at Hanoi's army guest house.

Did Gen. Quang write the controversial 1972 report to the Communist Party politburo on the number of U.S. prisoners Hanoi then held? "He says not," Gen. Vessey replied.

"The guy writing that report was not Vietnamese at all," Gen. Quang, 76, told reporters, suggesting it may have been the Russian intelligence service, though he could not say why.

He did his best to convince Gen. Vessey — and the press — that he was not the author of the 1972 document which surfaced in a New York Times report last week.

The document said North Vietnam held 1,205 prisoners at a time when it held 368 — implying Hanoi had hundreds more Americans behind bars than it was acknowledging.

A Russian translation of the purported document was found in Soviet Communist Party archives in Moscow, the New York Times said.

Gen. Vessey told reporters after meeting Gen. Vessey that the document was a forgery and the figures of U.S. prisoners of war it gave were higher than the U.S. tally at the time.

King case officer says he received a fair trial

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — The police sergeant convicted in the Rodney King civil rights case said on television that he had received a fair trial.

"The system works," Sergeant Stacey Koon said Sunday night as he appeared on a Los Angeles television show after the trial and National Guard troops were ordered to stand down.

The troops were deployed a week ago in case of a repeat of the rioting that broke out last April when Sgt. Koon and three other white policemen were acquitted in a state court over the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King.

A second trial — this time in a federal court — resulted in Sgt. Koon and one officer being convicted Saturday and two others acquitted on civil rights charges stemming from Mr. King's 1992 arrest.

The sergeant and Laurence Powell, who delivered the most baton blows, face up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 each in fines.

Sgt. Koon, the most senior of the four officers, was the first to speak to the media.

He said on the television show that he had received nothing less than a fair trial.

"I'm not here to badmouth the system. I'm not here to badmouth the jurors," he said.

But, alluding to the earlier acquittals sparking bloody rioting, Sgt. Koon added: "The jurors in this particular case were under a tremendous amount of stress. This was a very high-profile case."

The tool from last year's violence was 53 dead and nearly \$1 billion in damage.

Srebrenica officials block evacuation

SARAJEVO (R) — Authorities in Srebrenica refused to allow civilians to be evacuated from the Muslim town Monday and the commander of its Bosnian Serb besiegers said his troops would not withdraw under a ceasefire.

The ceasefire took effect early Sunday morning. It seemed to be holding as 140 Canadian peacekeeping soldiers prepared to start dismantling Srebrenica's Muslim defenders as agreed in the U.N.-brokered truce.

"We are pleased to note that the ceasefire was respected absolutely yesterday," said Urs Boegli, the International Committee of the Red Cross coordinator in former Yugoslavia.

General Philippe Morillon, commander of U.N. peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, said Sunday night that the besieging troops would withdraw as soon as Srebrenica was demilitarised.

But the Bosnian Serbs' military commander, General Ratko Mladic, denied he had agreed to a withdrawal.

The Bosnian Serb News Agency (SRNA) quoted him as saying: "The agreement says that combat operations are frozen at current lines around Srebrenica, and I assumed the attitude that nobody is allowed to violate the agreement."

A three-week-old ceasefire across the rest of Bosnia deteriorated further. The focus of the violence remained central Bosnia, where Muslim and Croat forces have fought pitched battles that have killed scores of people since Friday.

"We are very concerned about the potboiler in central Bosnia," Commander Barry Frewer, U.N. military spokesman in Sarajevo, said at the weekend.

Commander Kessler said all the agency's relief convoys plying the key corridor into central Bosnia from the Adriatic coast had been held up by fighting.

The Croatian News Agency

reported that a Muslim artillery attack killed six soldiers and a number of civilians in the town of Kiseljak in central Bosnia. Croatian radio said Muslims detonated a car bomb in Vitez that killed many civilians but this could not be independently confirmed.

The government army accused Bosnian Croat authorities of trying to destroy Bosnia-Herzegovina as a state.

In Moscow, Interfax News Agency quoted Mr. Kozirev as saying an alternative to a meeting of the Security Council foreign ministers would be to reconvene the London conference which launched the Yugoslav peace process last year.

Mr. Kozirev said outside military intervention in the war was not on the agenda — "there is no point in creating illusions."

The Bosnian Serbs showed no sign of easing their refusal to accept the international peace plan which would turn Bosnia into virtually autonomous provinces along ethnic lines.

If they do not agree to the plan by April 26, new sanctions approved by the Security Council will take effect against Serbian-led Yugoslavia, which is thought to have influence over the Bosnian Serbs.

Peace envoy Lord Owen said he hoped the sanctions would stop the fighting but urged governments to consider intervention.

"At the moment the Serbs are still taking territory and they are not being checked," he said. "So it's up to the governments of the world... Are they going to be rolled over by the Serbs?"

PHNOM PENH (R) — A Bulgarian soldier serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces in Cambodia was killed and two were injured Monday when a grenade hit their vehicle as they rushed to relieve a village under Khmer Rouge attack.

He was the ninth peacekeeper, four of them Bulgarian, to be killed in Cambodia in the past three weeks.

The Bulgarians' armoured personnel carrier was hit by an anti-tank grenade when it entered the village of New Orail in Kompong Spoe province 35 kilometres from Phnom Penh, a spokesman for the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) told reporters.

One hundred and fifty Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked the village in Samrong Tong district for two hours Monday morning with mortars, automatic weapons and B-40 rockets, spokesman Eric Falt said.

He said the Khmer Rouge was apparently trying to attack government forces in the village.

But because the village contained a U.N. district headquarters staffed by five UNTAC workers, a commander in the provincial capital sent two armoured personnel carriers to relieve it.

"Upon reaching the village one of the armoured personnel carriers (APC) was hit by an anti-tank grenade," Mr. Falt said.

Another peacekeeper killed in Cambodia

COLUMN

Irkutsk acts to safeguard morals

MOSCOW (AFP) — The legislative council for the Siberian region of Irkutsk has begun open hearings to discuss ways of upholding public morals and combatting the "propaganda of violence and cruelty."

ITAR-TASS said Monday. The hearings were being attended by teachers, law enforcement officials and intellectuals and were organised by a special commission set up under the Irkutsk Council for Culture, Spiritual and Moral Perfection of Society. Last year the commission called for the banning of black magic, sorcery and so-called miracle workers on the territory of the Irkutsk region.

ITAR-TASS said. An initiative from the commission also led to the banning of a number of films, including Empire Of Evil and Caligula from local cinemas and to the creation of the first "moral police squad" in Russia, the report said. Authorities in various parts of the Russian Far East publicly denied rumours last year that the world was ending soon, accusing foreign missionaries and occult practitioners of seeking to spread panic in society with the assertion.

Official urges Japanese to have at least 3 children

TOKYO (AFP) — Japanese should have at least three children to preserve the "competitive spirit" needed in a market economy, the secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was quoted Monday as saying. "You don't need to have as many as ten, but three to five," Seiichiro Kajiyama was quoted as saying at an LDP seminar on women in Atami, southwest of here. Mr. Kajiyama, himself the youngest in a family of 10 children, said large families fostered a spirit of competition among children, particularly at meal times when they fight over food, newspapers reported. The Japanese birth rate has been falling for some time, and stood at 2.9 per thousand last year, too low according to the government.

Japanese say gangsters are a necessary evil

TOKYO (R) — Nearly one in four young Japanese men believes that hiring gangsters to settle disputes is a necessary evil, according to a survey published in newspapers Monday. About 23 per cent of men and 17 per cent of women in their 20s said that relying on gangsters to extort money or force out-of-court settlements with the use or threat of violence was "bad but cannot be helped" or else "not bad," the survey showed. The survey, conducted by the prime minister's office, canvassed 3,000 people nationwide about organised crime. About one in four young men approved of paying gangsters extortion money if they asked for it and about the same number said they would hesitate to cooperate as a witness if they saw a gang member commit a crime or suspicious act. Asked why some Japanese had recourse to organised crime to settle their grievances, about four in 10 said that the courts took too long or that going to the police was too troublesome. The poll comes a year after the enactment of legal curbs on the activities of Japan's "yakuza" gangsters. Before the anti-organised crime law came into effect in March 1992, police lacked power to rein in gangsters without evidence that they had used violence to intimidate victims.

Marcos' son weds in Italy, Imelda not invited

MANILA (AP) — The late president Ferdinand Marcos' only son married his Filipino fiancée in Italy this weekend, his staff announced Monday. Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., 35, a member of the Philippine House of Representatives, married Louise Araneta Saturday at the Chapel of St. Francis in Fiesole, Italy, his staff said. But Imelda Marcos, his mother, said she wasn't invited and was shocked at the news which came out in two nationally-circulated newspapers Monday. "I was surely surprised at the news item," Mrs. Marcos said in a statement. "In the case of Bong-Bong's wedding, as his mother, I will pray for the best." The groom's two sisters, Imee and Irene, attended the wedding, family sources said. Mrs. Marcos is in Manila facing several civil and criminal suits filed by the government of Corason Aquino, who was installed as president following the February 1986 revolt that toppled Mr. Marcos.